



PERENNIAL BIOFEEDSTOCK TOUR AND SPEAKERS
AT THE
BIG FLATS PLANT MATERIALS CENTER
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH 2008

Tour the Plant Materials Center and observe establishment trials of warm and cool season grasses with different herbicides, seeding techniques and switchgrass interseeded with corn. Research plots of many warm season grasses including fertilizer trials, time of seeding studies, Cornell University cultivar and seed treatment studies as well as seed production fields will be observed. Establishment and management of willows by SUNY ESF will be discussed and observed.

Registration	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Field Tour	10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Lunch	12:30 pm – 1:15
Speakers	1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Roger Samson- Executive Director of, Resource Efficient Agricultural Production (REAP) Canada. Research and development of switchgrass biofuel pellet production since 1991.

Corey Rutzke and Stephane Corgie- NE Sun Grant Institute at Cornell University will give update on cellulosic ethanol.

Paul Adler- USDA- Agricultural Research Service, Pasture Lab, State College, PA. Management and Life Cycle Assessment of Bioenergy Crop Production in the Northeast.

Matt Mc Ardle- President of Mesa Reduction Engineering & Processing, will discuss handling of biomass and his involvement in projects within NYS and Nationally co-firing grass and wood with coal for power generation.

Joseph Heller- USDA-NRCS, will speak about the production of a mobile grass pelletizer.

Please RSVP with the number attending by Thursday, July 24th by calling 607-562-8404, or emailing julie.depue@ny.usda.gov. This will assist us in planning the details. For information on facilities, services, or to request sign language interpretation, or other auxiliary aids contact Julie at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Please bring \$ 5.00 to cover the cost of lunch and refreshments (exact change would be appreciated). Posters, displays and equipment available to view during lunch. (CCA and Pesticide Credits Available)

Directions: Take Route 17 (I 86) to Exit 48 (East Corning/Route 352). Follow Route 352 east for 1.5 miles. PMC entrance is on the left.

In cooperation with the New York Farm Viability Institute, Cornell University and SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry.